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Some of the hams of NEWSLINE RADIO...

are alleged to have cooked up this licenses for sale scheme.

The FCC itself is limited as to what direct action it can take against those it believes committed licensing fraud. The agency can assess fines, it can issue show cause orders suspending or revoking the licenses of those involved, or both. But most important, it can also refer the matter to the Department of Justice and request criminal prosecution against the most egregious offenders in the case.

Don't be surprised if more license revocations and downgrades are announced.

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TECH TICKETS

If you hold a Technician class ham license issued prior to March 16, 1991 then you are automatically a Technician Plus licensee. The only problem is that the FCC's computer may not have taken note of this since June.

The FCC now admits that in some instances since last June the 8th, it has processed a license renewals and modification for some Technician Plus licensees and has mistakenly issued them entry level no-code Technician tickets.

Tech Plus licensees who sent in a renewal or modification after June 8th can immediately tell if they have an incorrect license simply by looking at it. If it was issued after that date it will be marked Technician Plus. If it isn't, then you are going to have to contact the FCC and get it corrected. Here's how.

You start by writing a letter to the FCC. Explain the situation. Include information on your current license status and its effective date. If you have your license at hand, make a photocopy and include it with your letter. Then mail everything to the FCC's license processing facility at 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325-7245. Or, if you have access to a facsimile machine you can fax the material to area code (717) 337-1541.

And then be patient. The commission says that it will take from four to six weeks to verify your claim and to have a corrected license mailed out.

But there is some good news with all this. The FCC says that you can continue to exercise your Technician Plus privileges until your corrected license arrives.

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LEAGUE REPLIES TO WRC-95 PREPARATORY COMMENTS

The ARRL has commented on an FCC Notice of Inquiry in preparation for the next International Telecommunication Union

World Radio Conference, scheduled for November 1995. In its filing on Docket 94-31, the ARRL urges that any consideration of realignment of the 7 MHz band be held in abeyance until the World Radiocommunications Conference scheduled for 2001. This, to give fixed and mobile services time to relocate to higher frequencies. The ARRL had earlier suggested that the issue be considered in 1999 but has now moved that back two years.

In the matter of the 2300 MHz band, the League notes that the 1994 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act carries a rider that protects amateurs. The league says this means that an international allocation for the Mobile Satellite Service at 2300 to 2310 or 2390 to 2420 MHz should not be considered.

Finally, the League again argues for a future agenda item in the form of an International Amateur Radio Permit. They say that such an automatic reciprocal permit is already available among the countries of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations and the International Amateur Radio Union has been promoting such an agreement among its members in ITU Region 2.

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NEW ITU RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

The International Telecommunications Union, the ITU has elected Robert W. Jones, VE3CTM, to replace retiring Richard C. Kirby, W0LCT, as Director of its Radiocommunication Bureau. The announcement was made at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Kyoto, Japan, on September 30th.

Jones is from Ottawa and is currently the Director General of Canada's Radio Regulatory Branch which regulates amateur and other radio services. His work with the ITU began in 1975 in preparation for the 1977 and 1979 World Administrative Radio Conferences. From 1981 to 1983 he was director of a project to automate ITU frequency records. He has since served and headed Canadian delegations to numerous ITU conferences and working groups.

VE3CTM holds Master of Applied Science and Master of Business Administration degrees, and attributes his professional interest in radiocommunication to having become a licensed radio amateur as a teenager back in 1959.

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MARCONI vs JORDAN

Two well known names you probably never expected to hear together are Guglielmo Marconi, recognized as the father of radio telegraphy and sports superstar Michael Jordan. Would you believe both men are in the middle of a dispute? It's true and it has to

do with baseball.

If you ever wind up just a few blocks east of Birmingham's downtown business district, you may pass by a small city park named in honor of Guglielmo Marconi. Marconi Park is only about a block in size it contains a baseball field inner-city children and others use. The park was named after Marconi because he once visited Birmingham. Another visitor has been bringing plenty of notoriety to the city, and much more recently. Michael Jordan spent the summer here, playing minor league baseball with the Birmingham Barons. Now, the Barons want to name the park in honor of James Jordan, Michael Jordan's deceased father. The Barons promise to renovate the field if the new name is approved, but the idea is striking out with community activists. They say Michael Jordan did not do enough work to help the community while he was playing baseball in Birmingham. The Barons say Jordan received so many requests to participate in various projects that granting them all was impossible. While Marconi spent time in Birmingham, name change opponents say James Jordan had no ties to the city at all. One community leader sez turning Marconi Park into James Jordan Park would mean nothing to the inner-city youth.

As we go to air, the controversy over the park continues.

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HPM CELEBRATION A SUCCESS

Definitely not controversial is word that the recent 10-day Hiram Percy Maxim 125th Birthday Memorial Celebration appears to have been an overwhelming success. Despite incredibly bad HF propagation the ARRL reports that pileups on /125 stations were heavy on both voice and CW. Perhaps most surprising was that few people asked what /125 meant.

The highest contact total reported so far is 5125. During a special operation the first weekend, a number of ARRL Headquarters staff members and visitors cranked out about 3,000 contacts from W1AW/125.

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BOGUS BULLETINS

Remember our story last week about an election held at ARRL Headquarters where the staff voted down a union? Well the story was accurate, but it was also ten years old.

It seems that there is some prankster out there in radio land who is re-issuing decade old ARRL Official Bulletins with new dates and new bulletin ID's. And, whomever is providing this service is picking and choosing his topics very wisely. This to make it seem that the story is timely and apropos.

We have learned that these re-issued bulletins are showing up

on packet radio, on private bulletin boards and even some of the major public data services. That's where we got bit. And once they enter the Internet they travel very quickly, worldwide.

The bottom line on this? If you come across an ARRL Official bulletin that you think you have read before, it not deja vous. You may have read it before, a decade ago.

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SET - 94

Amateur Radio's 1994 Simulated Emergency Test, or SET is slated for next weekend, October 15 and 16. Set is an ARRL sponsored operating event designed to let hams practice emergency message handling under near to life field conditions. For more information or if you want to take part, please contact the ARRL Field Services department at league headquarters. Or you can call your ARRL Director or local Section Manager. Their names can be found on page 8 of any issue of QST Magazine.

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REPEATER WAIT

From across the Atlantic comes word that several new repeaters are coming on the air in the United Kingdom. That is, they will eventually be on the air.

The Radio Society of Great Britain reports that the latest batch of repeater applications have been forwarded to the United Kingdom's Radiocommunications Agency for processing. Included are three new Packet Radio repeaters, a 24 cm ATV repeater a two meter repeater and a change of frequency for another 24 cm ATV system.

That's the good part. Now heres the bad. The RSGB says that it anticipates the minimum time for clearance of the UHF repeaters will be at least six months or longer.

And you thought waiting for one of the United States volunteer frequency coordinators was bad. How lucky we are.

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SHACK EXPANSION

Tandy Radio Shack is planning a substantial expansion of its retail outlets. According to Wall Street Business News reports, the company expects to open 500 new stores by the end of the century. That will give Radio Shack a total of seven-thousand franchised and company-owned stores. It's also planning to open 24 new Computer City outlets in 1995.

Not in the press release but widely rumored is a major expansion in Radio Shack's highly successful line of ham radio gear early next year.

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DX

In DX, word that WD8E, will be in Taiwan the last part of October. As usual, this is a business trip and time for ham radio will be limited but he will sign BV/WD8E whenever time permits. QSL to his callbook address or via the bureau. All cards from his last two Taiwan operations have already been answered.

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ARMY EVENT

Paul Whipperman, K1MTM, and a group of his friends in the North Atlantic Radio Club are currently operating a special events station near Boston to commemorate the work of the United States Army and the Signal Corps during World War 2. Whipperman says that some of the gear being used makes the operation unique.

"Much of the equipment that is here was used during World War II to protect the Atlantic coast line here. It is somewhat of a unique station. We probably believe it is the only one of its type in North America. Paul Whipperman, K1MTM.

You can find K1MTM on all of the high frequency band with special emphasis for operating on 7255 KHz upper sideband on weekends. QSL this special commemorative operation with an SASE to K1MTM in care of the North Atlantic Radio Club at Post Office Box 81, Elmwood, Massachusetts, 02337.

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